

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 29-31, 33-34, 37-47 and 49-55 have been amended. Claims 1-28 have been previously canceled. Therefore, claims 29-56 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection*Barber et al in view of Miyazawa et al.*

Claims 29-32, 36, 38-40, 42, 44, 49 and 51-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Barber et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,240,521, ("Barber"), in view of Miyazawa et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,983,186, ("Miyazawa"). Claim 29, as amended, has a low-power subsystem with many more features than in Barber (one processor) or Miyazawa (sound signal input unit 1 and input sounds signal power detector 9). The low-power subsystem also has a radio wireless interface and a speech recognition unit. This is believed to be a significant difference from either reference.

As to combining the references so that the entire Miyazawa system of Figure 1 is added to the low power portion of Barber, this is not believed to be obvious. Barber saves power by using a low-power processor. Adding Miyazawa's Figure 1 to Barber would add features not contemplated in Barber. In addition, it would be expected that this would be added to the shared I/O systems not to an expanded low-power functionality. (There is nothing to suggest that Miyazawa's Figure 1 be added only to the low power side.)

On the other hand, adding Barber's second processor to the sound signal input unit of Miyazawa would add additional complexity and cost that would in no way improve the functioning of Miyazawa's CPU wake-up system. Accordingly, Applicant submits that there is no motivation to combine the references in the manner which the Examiner has suggested.

The remaining claims although not discussed specifically here are believed to be allowable on similar grounds. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone if any of these grounds are not clear or fully understood.


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